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Interviews: 806 registered voters
Dates: August 23 – 25, 2004

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 806 interviews is ±3.5%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	100	CONTINUE	[138]
Not registered.....	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure	-		

2a. Thinking ahead to this November's elections, how likely is it that you will vote in the election? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely to vote in this November's elections? +

Very likely to vote.....	94	[139]
Somewhat likely to vote.....	5	
Not too likely to vote.....	-	
Not at all likely to vote.....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

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2b. Please tell me how interested you are in this November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a ten means that you are very interested in this November's elections and a one means that you are not at all interested? You may choose any number from one to ten. +

10, very interested.....	63	[140-141]
9.....	10	
8.....	12	
7.....	6	
6.....	2	
5.....	4	
4.....	1	
3.....	-	
2.....	1	
1, not interested at all.....	1	
Cannot rate.....	-	

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2c. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? +

18-24.....	8	50-54.....	8	[142-143]
25-29.....	7	55-59.....	11	
30-34.....	8	60-64.....	8	
35-39.....	7	65-69.....	8	
40-44.....	11	70-74.....	5	
45-49.....	11	75 and over.....	7	
		Refused.....	1	

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3. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<i>High 9/01</i>	<i>Low 7/92+</i>	[144]
Headed in the right direction.....	36	36	36	33	43	72	14	
Off on the wrong track.....	50	48	48	50	49	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	12	14	14	14	4	11	9	
Not sure.....	2	2	2	3	4	6	6	
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	
	47	56	41	43	38	42	49	
	43	30	48	47	50	44	38	
	6	9	8	6	8	9	8	
	4	5	3	3	4	4	5	
	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	
	62	36	43	44	42	40	52	
	22	47	42	42	43	42	31	
	13	14	13	14	12	14	14	
	3	3	2	-	3	4	3	
	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>		
	53	62	70	72	43	47		
	28	20	15	11	39	39		
	15	14	12	11	14	11		
	4	4	3	6	4	3		

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4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>High 11/01</u>	<u>Low 6/04+</u>	[145]
Approve.....	47	48	45	47	50	88	45	
Disapprove.....	48	46	49	46	46	7	49	
Not sure.....	5	6	6	7	4	5	6	
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>		
	54	58	52	51	49	56		
	41	34	41	44	45	38		
	6	9	7	5	6	6		
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>30/03</u>	<u>3/29-</u> <u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>		
	62	71	66	67	62	61		
	31	23	29	28	33	31		
	7	6	5	5	5	8		
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>		
	54	62	63	64	67	69		
	40	33	31	30	27	23		
	6	5	6	6	6	8		
	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>						
	75	74						
	18	20						
	7	6						

¹ Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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4b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	[146]
Approve.....	43	45	41	46	49	48	
Disapprove.....	52	49	53	51	45	46	
Not sure.....	5	6	6	3	6	6	
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>		
	50	43	45	47	49		
	44	52	48	45	42		
	5	6	7	8	9		
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>		
	44	47	48	48	49		
	49	45	44	43	43		
	7	8	8	9	8		
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>		
	57	61	63	63	50		
	34	30	27	25	38		
	9	9	10	12	12		

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4c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
Approve.....	44	44	43	47	54	56	48	48	[147]
Disapprove.....	52	52	51	49	41	37	47	48	
Not sure.....	4	4	6	4	5	7	5	4	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>		<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
	47	55	63	70	51		57	58	
	46	39	31	24	42		36	35	
	7	6	6	6	7		7	7	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>		<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	
	55	62	64	68	81		82	50	
	34	28	28	26	13		12	32	
	11	10	8	6	6		6	18	

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4d. When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing?

	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
Approve.....	53	48	63	66	56	56	60	66	[148]
Disapprove.....	42	47	31	27	38	39	34	28	
Not sure.....	5	5	6	7	5	5	6	6	
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>		
	64	66	67	73	75	75	76		
	28	27	26	22	20	18	19		
	8	7	7	5	5	7	5		

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5. Looking ahead to November's presidential election, do you think George W. Bush deserves to be re-elected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be re-elected?

	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	
Yes, deserves re-election.....	46	46	45	45	[149]
No, does not deserve re-election.....	50	47	50	49	
Not sure.....	4	7	5	6	
	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
	49	51	52	47	
	48	42	38	46	
	4	7	11	7	

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6. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
George W. Bush							[150]
August 2004+.....	33	16	8	12	31	-	
July 2004+.....	29	19	8	13	30	1	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
May 2004+.....	30	19	8	13	30	-	
March 2004+.....	35	17	6	13	29	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
December 13, 2003.....	35	19	8	15	23	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
December 2002.....	38	24	14	12	12	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
April 2002.....	47	25	13	8	7	-	
July 2000+.....	24	28	14	14	18	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	
John Kerry							[151]
August 2004+.....	21	23	14	13	27	2	
July 2004+.....	17	25	21	16	19	2	
June 2004+.....	13	27	21	14	21	4	
May 2004+.....	12	26	19	16	22	5	
March 2004+.....	15	28	20	12	18	6	
January 2004.....	5	17	25	16	10	29	
December 13, 2003.....	3	18	20	13	11	36	
December 2002.....	5	14	25	8	5	43	
Rudy Giuliani							[152]
August 2004+.....	29	29	20	7	4	11	
December 2001.....	61	23	9	1	1	5	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/Not Sure</u>	
Laura Bush							[153]
August 2004+.....	38	19	24	8	6	5	
December 2001.....	49	27	16	2	2	4	
March 2001.....	28	24	33	3	2	10	
January 2001.....	16	18	34	4	5	23	
July 2000+.....	13	14	28	4	4	37	
Dick Cheney							[154]
August 2004+.....	18	20	16	12	30	4	
July 2004+.....	16	20	19	14	28	3	
June 2004+.....	17	22	17	13	27	4	
May 2004+.....	18	21	16	13	29	3	
March 2004+.....	18	21	17	14	23	6	
December 13, 2003.....	18	24	14	13	23	8	
May 2003+.....	24	23	18	10	16	8	
January 2003.....	20	27	23	12	13	5	
September 2002.....	23	27	21	12	12	5	
July 2002.....	24	28	19	10	13	6	
December 2001.....	36	27	23	3	6	5	
April 2001.....	31	21	22	10	9	7	
January 2001.....	23	26	26	9	7	9	
July 2000+.....	19	23	26	9	6	17	
<i>High</i>							
February 1991+.....	33	33	13	2	2	17	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2004+.....	16	20	19	14	28	3	
Arnold Schwarzenegger							[155]
August 2004+.....	16	26	31	12	10	5	
November 2003.....	14	23	32	14	10	7	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[156]
August 2004+.....	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+.....	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
September 2002.....	12	26	30	17	12	3	
December 2001.....	18	30	26	14	9	3	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
June 1996+.....	17	29	23	15	15	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	
John Edwards							[157]
August 2004+.....	19	22	25	15	13	6	
July 2004+.....	18	26	26	12	8	10	
June 2004+.....	10	22	29	11	4	24	
March 2004.....	12	24	27	14	6	17	
January 2004.....	4	12	24	8	6	45	
December 13, 2003.....	3	14	21	8	5	49	
The Republican Party							[158]
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
September 2002.....	15	30	26	13	13	3	
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
June 1996+.....	11	25	25	21	16	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	1	22	23	19	23	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/Not Sure</u>	
John McCain							[159]
August 2004+.....	18	33	26	8	4	11	
July 2004+.....	19	30	30	9	2	10	
May 2004+.....	20	30	26	8	5	11	
July 2002.....	12	29	27	10	5	17	
April 2002.....	18	29	25	9	3	16	
June 2001.....	15	29	26	11	6	13	
April 2001.....	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001.....	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+.....	18	32	25	9	6	10	
April 2000+.....	16	30	27	12	5	10	
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
<i>High</i>							
May 2004+.....	20	30	26	8	5	11	
<i>Low</i>							
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	

7a. If the election for president were held today, and George W. Bush and Dick Cheney were the Republican candidates, John Kerry and John Edwards were the Democratic candidates, and Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo were running as independent candidates, for whom would you vote? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean at this time?

	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	
George W. Bush and Dick Cheney.....	44	44	[160]
George W. Bush and Dick Cheney (lean).....	3	3	
John Kerry and John Edwards.....	42	CONTINUE	40
John Kerry and John Edwards (lean).....	3		5
Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo.....	2		2
Ralph Nader and Peter Camejo (lean).....	1		-
Depends (VOL).....	-		-
None/other (VOL).....	1	Skip to Q.7c	1
Not sure.....	4		5

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	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>
George W. Bush.....	45	46	46
John Kerry.....	44	42	43
Ralph Nader.....	4	5	5
Depends (VOL).....	1	1	1
None/other (VOL).....	1	1	2
Not sure.....	5	5	3

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO MAKE A CHOICE IN Q.7a.)

7b. Would you definitely vote for **(CANDIDATES IN Q.7a)** probably vote for **(CANDIDATES IN Q.7a)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(CANDIDATES IN Q.7a)**?

	Bush-Cheney Voters		Kerry- Edwards Voters	
	8/04+	7/04+	8/04+	7/04+
Definitely vote for ticket.....	81	75	76	72
Probably vote for ticket.....	10	16	13	14
Just leaning toward voting for ticket.....	9	9	11	13
Not sure.....	-	-	-	1

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	Bush Voters			Kerry Voters		
	6/04+	5/04+	3/04+	6/04+	5/04+	3/04+
Definitely vote for candidate.....	80	78	81	64	65	70
Probably vote for candidate.....	11	12	12	17	17	15
Just leaning toward voting for candidate.....	8	10	7	19	18	15
Not sure.....	1	-	-	-	-	-

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO DO NOT CHOOSE KERRY/EDWARDS IN Q.7a.)

7c. Even though you are not supporting John Kerry and John Edwards now, what are the chances that you might support them in this November's election--is there a fair chance that you might support them, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all you might support them?

	8/04+	7/04+	
Fair chance.....	10	12	[162]
A small chance.....	10	9	
Just a very slight chance.....	18	21	
No chance at all.....	61	56	
Don't know/refused.....	1	2	

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO DO NOT CHOOSE BUSH/CHENEY IN Q.7a.)

7d. Even though you are not supporting George W. Bush and Dick Cheney now, what are the chances that you might support them in this November's election--is there a fair chance that you might support them, a small chance, just a very slight chance, or no chance at all you might support them?

	8/04+	7/04+	
Fair chance.....	6	8	[163]
A small chance.....	8	8	
Just a very slight chance.....	14	18	
No chance at all.....	71	65	
Don't know/refused.....	1	1	

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8a. When it comes to issues such as the economy, education, and health care, do you think that President Bush has provided a clear set of goals for what he wants to accomplish over the next four years or do you think he has yet to spell out his goals? +

Has provided a clear set of goals.....	29	[164]
Has yet to spell out his goals.....	63	
Not sure.....	8	

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8b. Now I'm going to mention a few policy issues, and for each one, please tell me whether you think that President Bush-**a**) has the right policy and should move ahead, **b**) has the right policy but it just needs some minor adjustments, **c**) has a questionable policy that needs major adjustments, or **d**) has the wrong policy, and it needs to be changed.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY RIGHT POLICY

	Right Policy/ Should Move Ahead	Right Policy/ Just Needs Minor Adjustments	Questionable Policy/ Needs Major Adjustments	Wrong Policy/ Needs To Be Changed	Not Sure	
Terrorism						[170/179]
August 2004+.....	38	20	21	19	2	
Education						[173]
August 2004+ *.....	23	29	20	22	6	
Social issues such as abortion						[172]
August 2004+ *.....	33	17	16	26	8	
Social issues such as same-sex marriage						[208]
August 2004+ **.....	38	9	16	29	8	
Iraq						[166/175]
August 2004+.....	28	19	18	33	2	
September 2003.....	25	25	19	28	4	
Tax policy						[167/176]
August 2004+.....	25	22	20	28	5	
September 2003.....	23	26	18	28	5	
Jobs and the economy						[165/174]
August 2004+.....	19	23	26	29	3	
September 2003.....	15	28	23	30	4	
Social Security						[171/180]
August 2004+.....	15	24	24	26	11	
Health care						[168/177]
August 2004+.....	11	26	28	30	5	
Stem cell research						[169/178]
August 2004+.....	20	16	21	30	13	
Gas prices						[209]
August 2004+ **.....	12	17	27	32	12	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

9a. How would you rate George W. Bush on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GOOD RATING ("4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate
	5	4	3	2	1	
Being easygoing and likable						[210]
August 2004+.....	37	18	17	11	16	1
June 2004+.....	32	21	22	11	13	1
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president						[214]
August 2004+.....	32	18	13	14	23	-
June 2004+.....	32	18	17	13	20	-
November 2003.....	36	18	17	10	19	1
July 2003.....	42	17	16	8	16	-
May 2003.....	47	17	15	8	13	1
January 2003.....	34	22	21	11	12	-
July 2002.....	38	24	19	9	10	-
January 2002.....	49	24	17	5	5	-
April 2001.....	28	22	22	13	15	-
January 2001.....	26	24	25	13	11	1
December 1999.....	26	27	24	10	9	4
Serving as commander-in-chief						[211]
August 2004+.....	34	15	15	13	23	-
November 2003.....	35	17	18	9	20	1
Being honest and straightforward						[212]
August 2004+.....	31	14	16	12	27	-
June 2004+.....	29	18	14	12	26	1
November 2003.....	34	18	17	9	22	1
July 2003.....	35	16	18	8	22	1
May 2003.....	41	18	21	7	13	1
January 2003.....	39	21	16	10	13	1
July 2002.....	35	23	19	10	12	1
April 2001.....	37	18	20	11	13	1
January 2001.....	28	22	25	11	13	1

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Q.9a (cont'd)	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate
	5	4	3	2	1	
Being compassionate enough to understand average people						
August 2004+.....	26	18	16	13	26	1
June 2004+.....	24	16	22	13	25	-
November 2003.....	29	17	19	9	25	-
May 2003.....	34	17	19	9	20	1
January 2003.....	27	22	19	12	19	1
July 2002.....	33	23	21	10	12	1
January 2002.....	44	21	20	6	8	1
April 2001.....	26	20	21	15	17	1
January 2001.....	21	21	27	14	16	1
December 1999.....	22	24	28	10	12	4

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9b. How much confidence would you have in John Kerry as commander in chief--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little?

	8/04+ ¹	5/04+	
A great deal of confidence.....	16	16	[362]
Quite a bit of confidence.....	19	18	
Just some confidence.....	25	30	
Very little confidence.....	29	31	
No confidence at all (VOL).....	9	NA	
Not sure.....	2	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

¹ Results shown reflect responses among 761 registered voters.

10. Does George W. Bush's selection of Dick Cheney as his vice-presidential running mate make you more likely to vote for George W. Bush, less likely to vote for George W. Bush, or does it not affect your vote either way?

	8/04+	7/00+	
More likely to vote for Bush.....	10	23	[215]
Less likely to vote for Bush.....	25	12	
Does not affect vote either way.....	64	62	
Not sure.....	1	3	

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11. I would like to read you a couple of things that people are saying about the Republican Party. For each one, please tell me whether you feel that this tends to be the case or not. (READ ITEM)--do you think that this tends to be the case when it comes to the Republican Party, or not?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAYS TENDS TO BE THE CASE

	<u>Tends To Be The Case</u>	<u>Does Not Tend To Be The Case</u>	<u>Depends (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
It stands for strong moral values					[218]
August 2004+.....	61	31	5	3	
July 2000+.....	66	25	4	5	
It has a vision to move the country forward					[217]
August 2004+.....	51	42	3	4	
July 2000+.....	60	31	4	5	
It is too conservative					[216]
August 2004+.....	47	47	2	4	
July 2000+.....	45	47	4	4	
It is compassionate and cares for people					[219]
August 2004+.....	42	49	5	4	
July 2000+.....	45	45	4	6	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<u>Tends To Be The Case</u>	<u>Does Not Tend To Be The Case</u>	<u>Depends (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
It is compassionate and cares for people				
July 2004+.....	64	26	6	4
August 2000.....	63	27	5	5
It has a vision to move the country forward				
July 2004+.....	55	36	4	5
August 2000.....	59	33	3	5
It is too liberal				
July 2004+.....	45	47	4	4
August 2000.....	42	48	4	6
It stands for strong moral values				
July 2004+.....	43	45	6	6
August 2000.....	44	46	5	5

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.") +

Strong Democrat.....	22	[220]
Not very strong Democrat.....	6	Skip to Q.14
Independent/lean Democrat.....	10	
Strictly independent.....	16	
Independent/lean Republican.....	10	
Not very strong Republican.....	8	CONTINUE
Strong Republican.....	21	
Other.....	6	
Not sure/nothing.....	1	Skip to Q.14

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.12.)

13. Of all the major Democrats in America, which one of the following do you dislike the most? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just ONE, who would you say you dislike the most? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Hillary Clinton.....	24	[221-222]
Bill Clinton.....	19	
Ted Kennedy.....	19	
Jesse Jackson.....	11	
Al Gore.....	7	
John Kerry.....	5	
Other (VOL).....	-	
All (VOL).....	12	
None (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Turning to some other topics...

14. Do you think that, as a country, we are more safe, about as safe, or less safe than we were before September eleventh?

	8/04+	9/02	
More safe.....	41	38	[223]
About as safe.....	31	41	
Less safe.....	27	20	
Not sure.....	1	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

15. When it comes to foreign policy, do you feel that United States government leaders should generally do what they think is best without worrying about other countries' interests, or do you feel that U.S. government leaders should generally try to consult and work with leaders of other countries before acting?
+*

Should do what they think is best.....	20	[224]
Should consult with leaders of other countries.....	73	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	
Worth it.....	43	43	40	42	50	[225]
Not worth it.....	49	47	51	47	44	
Depends.....	4	4	5	5	2	
Not sure.....	4	6	4	6	4	
		<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		52	53	45	45	
		40	37	42	46	
		2	5	6	3	
		5	5	6	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

17. As you may know, there has been some recent discussion about setting a deadline for beginning to return American troops from Iraq. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view? +

Statement A: It is appropriate to start talking about a timetable to reduce the number of troops in Iraq because it is time for the Iraqi government to take more responsibility for their country's security.

Statement B: It is NOT appropriate to talk about reducing American troop levels in Iraq, since it would give encouragement to the rebels our troops are fighting, and we need to keep our troops there as long as is necessary to make sure the country is secure.

Statement A /Appropriate to start talking about troop reduction.....	51	[226]
Statement B /NOT appropriate to start talking about troop reduction.....	43	
Some of both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

18. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
Economy has gotten better.....	29	37	39	35	35	43	45	[227]
Economy has gotten worse.....	33	31	28	33	34	23	27	
Economy has stayed about the same.....	37	30	31	31	29	34	27	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u> ¹		
	38	27	23	18	6	7		
	29	41	42	44	65	57		
	31	30	34	36	28	35		
	1	2	1	1	1	1		
	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>		
	17	6	2	3	6	8		
	44	73	78	74	67	57		
	38	20	19	22	26	33		
	1	1	1	1	1	2		
	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>		
	9	11	8	3	3	6		
	64	54	64	73	72	57		
	26	35	27	23	24	35		
	1	-	1	1	1	2		
	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
	11	11	12	12	12	15	18	
	37	36	30	30	29	34	23	
	51	52	56	56	57	49	57	
	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. Which of the following statements comes closer to your assessment of the United States' economy?

Statement A: The economy is improving for middle- and working-class families. More than one million new jobs have been created in the last six months and low interest rates mean that more people own their homes now than ever before.

Statement B: The economy is NOT improving for middle- and working-class families. We have one million fewer jobs now than we did in 2000, and health care costs continue to rise. +

Statement A/Economy is improving for middle- and working-class.....	30	[228]
Statement B/Economy is NOT improving for middle- and working-class.....	61	
Some of both (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

20. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view about the tax cuts that have been enacted over the past few years?

Statement A: The tax cuts have mostly benefited the wealthy, and have hurt middle- and lower-income families because they led to cuts in education, law enforcement, and health care.

Statement B: The tax cuts have benefited ALL Americans, because taxpayers of all incomes received a tax cut, and this helped strengthen the economy by giving people more of their own money to spend. +

Statement A /tax cuts benefited the wealthy.....	55	[229]
Statement B /tax cuts benefited ALL Americans.....	38	
Some of both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21. Please tell me which of the following approaches to dealing with Social Security you would prefer—**(A)** making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is and running the risk that the system will fall short of money as more people retire and become eligible for benefits, OR **(B)** changing the Social Security system by allowing people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts—like IRA's or 401k's—and running the risk that some people will lose money in their private accounts due to drops in the stock market?

	8/04+** ¹	1/04 ²	6/00+	
A /Making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is.....	43	52	45	[230]
B /Changing Social Security to allow people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts.....	41	38	45	
Neither/other(VOL).....	8	5	5	
Depends (VOL)	3	1	1	
Not sure.....	5	4	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹Prior to August 2004, the phrase, "... like IRAs or 401ks..." was not included.

²Prior to January 2004, the question was phrased, "... to dealing with Social Security concerns you more..."

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22. How closely have you been watching and following the Olympics--very closely, somewhat closely, only a little, or not at all? +

Watching very closely.....	25	[231]
Watching somewhat closely.....	33	
Watching only a little.....	28	
Not watching at all.....	14	
Not sure.....	-	

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FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently employed? (**IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:**) What type of work do you do?

(**IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:**) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work? +

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	24	[232-233]
White-collar worker.....	26	
Blue-collar worker.....	13	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	2	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	23	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	3	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

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F2. Did you happen to vote in the 2000 presidential election? (**IF "YES," ASK:**) For whom did you vote--George W. Bush, the Republican, Al Gore, the Democrat, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate? +

Yes, Voted		
Voted for George W. Bush.....	45	[240]
Voted for Al Gore.....	33	
Voted for Ralph Nader.....	2	
Voted for Pat Buchanan.....	1	
Voted for other candidate (VOL).....	1	
Not sure who voted for (VOL).....	1	
No, Did Not Vote		
No, was too young to vote (VOL).....	3	
Not Sure/Refused.....	3	

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F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school? +

Grade school..... 1 [241-242]		
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	22	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	25	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree.....	11	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F4. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? +

Liberal.....	22	[243]
Moderate.....	39	
Conservative.....	34	
Not sure.....	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F5a. What is your religion? +

Protestant.....	44	CONTINUE	[244]
Catholic.....	24		
Jewish.....	2	Skip to Q.F6	
Muslim.....	1		
Other.....	17	CONTINUE	
None.....	8		
Not sure/refused.....	4		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F5a.)

F5b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way? +

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	20	[245]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	45	
Not sure.....	8	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F5a).....	27	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F6. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship? +

Never.....	15	[246]
Once a year.....	7	
A few times a year.....	16	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	11	
Once a week or more often.....	40	
Not sure.....	4	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F7. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK: Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union? +

Labor union member.....	10	[247]
Labor union household.....	7	
Non-union household.....	80	
Not sure.....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F8. Please tell me whether any of the following statements applies to you. +

You or an immediate family member are currently serving in the U.S. military.....	11	[248]
You are a military veteran.....	18	>
Someone in your immediate family is a military veteran.....	42	
Neither you nor an immediate family member is a current or former member of the military.....	36	
Not sure.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F9a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? +

Yes, Hispanic.....	6	[249]
No, not Hispanic.....	93	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F9b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else? +

White.....	79	[250]
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	5	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F10. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that? +

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[251]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	6	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	9	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	15	
More than \$100,000.....	14	
Not sure/refused.....	15	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.